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PREFACE.

IT *was the Teſtimony of the Holy Apoſtle* Paul, *for his Beloved Diſciple* Timothy: *That from a Child he had known the Scriptures. The following Pages contain an Epitome of that part of the Holy Scriptures known by the Name of the* New Teſtament *done into VERSE, deſigned for the alluring* Children *to a delight in Reading them, that ſo being acquainted with them in their Childhood, they may the better be Inſtructed in Righteouſneſs, and throughly Furniſhed unto all good Works. The Author is not at all Solicitous about the various Cenſures that may paſs upon this Eſſay, but if any one ſhall reap benefit thereby he ſhall rejoyce that he hath contributed his Mite: And if it find Acceptance ſhall* (God willing) *endeavour to Publiſh the* Old Teſtament, *alſo, after the ſame Method.*

The Order *of all the* BOOKS *of the* New Teſtament, *with their* NAMES, *and* Number *of* CHAPTERS.

MATTHEW hath Chapters eight and twenty.
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Reproves the Jews who boaſt they're *Abrahams* ſeed,
Whileſt from the bondage of their ſins not freed.
Appeals to them what evil he hath done.
And then withdraws, their cruelty to ſhun.

IX.

He gives the man his ſight that was born blind.
And when the Phariſees inquiring, find
The Man confeſſing Chriſt, enrag'd thereat
Him they revile and excommunicate.
Chriſt having found him gives him Confirmation.
Declares to whom he Showeth his Salvation.

X.

He poſitively aſſerts that he's the door.
And the true Shepherd. All that came before
Where Thieves and Robbers. Divers Sentiments
Concerning him. By reaſoning he prevents
The fury of the Jews a while. But they
Proceed to take him. He eſcapes away.

XI.

Dead Lazarus who in the grave had lain
Four days, he unto life reſtores again.

The

The Jews conſult. The High Prieſt propheſies:
Chriſt by withdrawing ſhuneth a ſurpriſe.

XII.

Mary anoints him, he doth juſtify her.
The Prieſts the death of *Lazarus* conſpire.
He to *Jeruſalem* in triumph goes.
Where Greeks deſire to ſee him. He foreſhows
That he muſt die. The Jews hard heartedneſs.
Some did believe who would not him confeſs.

XIII.

Chriſt waſheth his diſciples feet thereby
Setting a pattern of humility.
Diſcovers who it is that ſhall betray him.
Exhorts to love. Says Peter will gainſay him.

XIV.

For his Diſciples he a place prepares.
Himſelf the Way, the Truth and Life declares.
He promiſeth the Holy Ghoſt to ſend.
And to his peace he doth them recommend.

XV.

Unto a Vine he doth himſelf compare,
In which his Members as the branches are.
Exhorts to mutual love, and lets them know
By his, what ſufferings they muſt undergo.

XVI.

He tells his followers whereto they muſt truſt;
And promiſeth to ſend the holy Ghoſt.
And if they in his name put up their prayers.
His father will accept them he declares.

XVII.

He prays, that with the Glory which he had
Before the world began, he might be clad.
That many Bleſſings might attend on thoſe,
To whom he did his Fathers will diſcloſe.

XVIII.

Judas be trays him. Officers draw near
To take him. *Peter* cuts of *Malchus*'s ear.
Led to the high Prieſt, *Peter* thrice denies him.
Pilate would ſave him, but the Jews deſpiſe him.

XIX.

He's *Scourged* and crown'd in mockery by the *Jews*.
Pilate a fraid, to Judge him would refuſe,
But is preyail'd upon. He's crucified,
Gives up the Ghoſt. And from his wounded ſide
Peirced by a Souldier Blood and Water come.
Joſeph and *Nicodemus* him intomb.

XX.

Mary comes early to the Sepulchre,
Where *John* and *Peter* alſo meet with her.

Chriſt firſt by *Mary Magdalene* is ſeen.
Next among his Diſciples he comes in.
Thomas not preſent doubts, but ſoon receives
An ocular convincement and believes.

XXI.

To his diſciples he another time
Appears. And on broil'd Fiſh with them does dine.
To *Peters* care his Lambs and Sheep commends.
Foretells his death. And thus *John's* Goſpel ends.

The Acts of the Apoſtles.

CHAP. I.

HERE Chriſt's appearance after he was dead
And his Aſcenſion both are witneſſed,
Th' Apoſtles gather'd at *Jeruſalem*,
Do chooſe *Matthias* to be one of them.

II.

The holy Ghoſt like cloven tongues appears.
Peter ſtands up, and in the midſt declares,
That *Joel's* Propheſy is now fulfil'd.
That Chriſt is rais'd whom wicked hands had kill'd.

Therefore exhorts them to amend their lives.
Many believe. The Goſpel greatly thrives.

III.

Peter the lame Man having ſet on foot.
Declares by his own power he did it not.
But takes occaſion thence to preach unto 'em
Repentance, and to Faith in Chriſt to woe 'em.

IV.

Peter and *John* are taken into hold.
And being examined are very bold.
Diſmiſt with threats they further help invoke.
All the believers make a common ſtock.

V.

But *Ananias* and his wife with-hold
Part of the Price of the Eſtate they ſold.
For which they die. The wonders that attended
The Apoſtles cauſe them to be apprehended.
By 'n Angel freed, they with undaunted voice
Confeſs to Chriſt. Are beaten and rejoyce.

VI.

Seven Deacons choſen to o'rſee the poor.
Stephen doing wonders is accus'd therefore.

VII.

He makes his anſwer to their accuſation.
And quoteth Scripture in his vindication.

Reprove

Reproves the hardneſs of their hearts, but they
Stone him to death, whilſt he for them doth Pray.

VIII.

Whilſt *Saul* his rage againſt the Church exerted
The people of *Samaria* were converted
By *Philip's* preaching. And amongſt the reſt,
Simon the ſorcerer the faith confeſt.
He's for his ſin rebuk'd and well adviſ'd.
The *Ethiopian Eunuch* is baptiz'd.

IX.

Saul being converted boldly preaches Chriſt.
Eſcapes the furious Jews. The Church has reſt.
Peter reſtores a paralytick Man.
And raiſes *Tabitha* to life again.

X.

An Angel to *Cornelius* does appear.
Bids ſend for *Peter* and to him give ear.
Peter warn'd by a viſion to reject
No Man, goes as the voice does him direct,
And preaches Chriſt. The holy Ghoſt deſcends.
Gentiles to be baptiz'd he recommends.

XI.

Peter's convers with Gentiles is defended.
The Church by Perſecution is extended.
The Chriſtians firſt ſo call'd at *Antioch*
Foretold of dearth provide a common ſtock.

XII.

Herod afflicts the Church. Puts *James* to death
Impriſons *Peter* whom an Angel frees
Being eaten up with worms reſigns his breath.
Whereby the Church enjoys a time of eaſe.

XIII.

Paul (who is called alſo *Saul*) being ſent
With *Barnabas* to th' Gentiles, doth prevent
Elimas and confirms the Rulers Faith.
At Antioch *Paul* a greater ſervice hath,
Among the Gentiles than among the Jews.
Wherefore he turns to them doth theſe refuſe.

XIV.

By Jewiſh rage are *Saul* and *Barnabas*
Expell'd *Iconium*. They to Lyſtra paſs.
Paul heals a cripple there. The multitude
Them to be Gods immediately conclude.
The Jews Stone *Paul*, but he their rage doth ſhun.
At Antioch they report what God had done.

XV.

'Bout Circumciſion there being much diſſention,
Th' Apoſtles put an end to the contention.
'Twixt *Paul* and *Barnabas* doth ſuch debate
Ariſe, that thereupon they ſeparate.

XVI.

Paul taking *Timothy*, through divers places
They preach, and Lydia the Faith embraces.

The

The Propheſying ſpirit is diſmiſt.
Silas and *Paul* taken into cuſtody.
The Jaylor and his wife believe in Chriſt.
They plead they're Romans and eſcape thereby.

XVII.

Paul preacheth at *Theſſalonica*, And
The Gentiles are convinc'd, The Jews withſtand,
And cauſe him to be perſecuted there.
Which makes him the *Bereans* to prefer.
At Athens *Paul* the power of God aſſerts.
And many Grecians to the Faith converts.

XVIII.

At Corinth *Paul* both works and preaches too.
And by a viſion's warn'd to perſevere.
Is brought before the Dep'ty, but let go.
In divers places preacheth here and there.
Apollos famous for his eloquence,
Is well approv'd the Goſpel to diſpence.

XIX.

Paul lays on hands, The holy Ghoſt deſcends.
Working of Miracles on him attends.
Some Jews are hurt pretending Conjuration.
Others convinc'd renounce that foul vocation.
Demetrius and the Craftsmen are enraged.
Their uproar by the Town-Clerk is aſſwaged.

XX.

Paul goes to *Macedonia* and from thence
To Greece, where he the Goſpel doth diſpenſe.

By

By him doth *Eutichus* new life receive.
He calls the Elders, Prays, and takes his leave.

XXI.

Paul will not be perſwaded to refrain,
From going to *Jeruſalem* again.
Although foretold that bonds did there attend him.
And when he comes up, the Jews apprehend him.
But the chief Captain doth from harm defend him.

XXII.

Of his Converſion he gives full relation.
Whereat the Jews made ſo great exclamation.
That the chief Captain bad he ſhould be ſcourg'd;
Till he his plea of being a Roman urg'd.

XXIII.

Before the High-Prieſt he his cauſe doth plead.
Which doth great ſtrife 'mongſt his accuſers breed
By the Chief-Captain to the Caſtle ſent,
He from the Lord receives incouragement.
Some Jews combine to take his life away.
But the Chief-Captain doth him thence convey.

XXIV.

Accuſed by Tertullus's ſmooth oration,
Paul juſtifies his life and converſation
In Felix's preſence. Who when he reſign'd
His place, to pleaſe the Jews left *Paul* confin'd.

XXV.

Paul before *Feſtus* making a compleat
Defence, appeals to Ceſars Judgement ſeat.
Feſtus to King *Agrippa* gives relation,
Of the whole matter in his vindication.

XXVI.

In King *Agrippa's* preſence *Paul* declares
His life whereby his innocence appears.
Feſtus ſuggeſts he's mad. But his reply
Doth the whole Auditory ſatisfy.

XXVII.

Paul taking Shiping towards *Rome*, forebodes
The danger of their lives, loſt Ship and Goods.
But's not believ'd. They are with Tempeſt toſt:
And ſuffer Shiprack, but a Man not loſt.

XXVIII.

He's kindly treated as he comes a ſhore.
Divers diſeaſed doth to health reſtore.
Goes forward towards *Rome*, where he declares
His bus'neſs, and abides there two whole years.

The

The Epiſtle of Paul to the Romans.

CHAP. I.

PAUL to the Roman gives his Salutation.
The Goſpel is Gods Power to Salvation.
The cauſe why Gods Wrath is reveal'd is ſin
And the Abominations Men live in.

II.

Condemning others ſins will not excuſe
(While ſin remains) the Gentiles or the Jews

III.

The Jews prerogative is not made void.
None by the Law but Faith are juſtified.

IV.

As *Abrahams* Faith to him, ſo ours no leſs
Is counted unto us for Righteouſneſs.

V.

Being Juſtify'd by Faith, with God we've peace
By *Adam* ſin, by Chriſt came Righteouſneſs.

We

VI.

We may not live in ſin being dead thereto.
Nor let it bear ſway in us any more.
Death is the wages that to ſin is due.
But Gods gift doth to endleſs life reſtore.

VII.

Longer than life no Law has power to bind.
The Law's not ſin, but juſt and well deſign'd.

VIII.

Who are in Chriſt are free from condemnation.
The fleſh gives Death, the Spirit Life and Salvation.

IX.

Paul ſorrows for the Jews. The Seeds election.
The Gentiles Calling and the Jews Rejection.

X.

The Righteouſneſs o'th' Law and Faith he ſhews.
The Gentiles ſav'd by Faith as well's the Jews.

XI.

God hath not all the Iſraelites rejected.
Though ſome were *hardned* ſome there were *elected.*
Who by the Gentiles ought to be reſpected.

XII.

Gods Mercies ſhould to Piety excite us.
Forbearing vengeance, God himſelf will right us.

XIII.

Of Duties which are due to Magiſtrates.
Love the intent of the whole Law compleats.
In works of darkneſs we muſt not abide.
But put on Chriſt, and not for th' fleſh provide.

XIV.

For things indiff'ent we may not condemn.
But take good heed of giving offence in them.

XV.

We that are ſtrong muſt bear with weakneſſes.
And for his good our Neighbour ſeek to pleaſe.
Paul gives them hopes he ſhall a viſit make.
And begs that he may of their prayers partake.

XVI.

To divers perſons he his greeting ſends.
And ſo with praiſes his Epiſtle ends.

The Firſt Epiſtle of Paul to the Corinthians.

CHAP. I.

AFTER *Pauls* Salutation and Thankſgiving he Exhorteth the Corinthians to agree.
Reproving their diſſentions and diſputes.
Shews God the wiſdom of the wiſe confutes.

II.

Pauls preaching far exceeds all humane learning.
Of which the carnal Man hath no diſcerning.

Children

III.

Children are fed with milk. It little matters,
Unleſs God gives increaſe, who plants or waters.
Men are the Temples of the living God:
Which muſt be holy fit for his abode.

IV.

What thoughts of Miniſters we ought to have.
Nought of our own have we but what God gave.
The holy Apoſtles whom the world derides.
In Chriſt are Fathers. And ſhould be our Guides.

V.

Neglect of cenſuring Inceſt is condemned.
And ſcandalous Converſation reprehended.

VI.

Brethren ſhould not before th' unjuſt contend,
But 'mongſt themſelves their differences end.
Our bodies are Chriſt's Members. Therefore we
Fit Temples for the Holy Ghoſt ſhould be.

VII.

He treats of Marriage, giving Demonſtration
That 'tis a remedy 'gainſt Fornication.
Deſcribes the benefit and the contrary,
Of living ſingle and of thoſe that Marry.

VIII.

Meats offer'd unto Idols to refuſe.
And not our Chriſtian Liberty abuſe.

IX.

He ſhoweth his own Liberty and why
The Goſpel Miniſters ſhould live thereby.
And gives a reaſon for his indiff'rency.

X.

If we would ſhun thoſe plagues came on the Jews,
We muſt their evil practices refuſe.
Who doth the Table of Devils not forſake,
Cannot ot'h' Table of the Lord partak e.

XI.

He blames men covering their heads in prayer.
And women alſo praying in their hair.
Condemning them for being irregular.

XII.

All ſpiritual gifts though diff'ring in their kind,
From the ſame ſpirit have their uſe aſſign'd.
Even as the Members of the Body, ſo ſhou'd.
Chriſt's Members proſecute each others good.

XIII.

All gifts how excellent ſo e'er they they be,
Are nothing worthy without Charitie.

XIV.

Speaking with tongues is no mean excellence,
Yet propheſying hath the preference.

However

XV.

However both of them ought to be uſed
For edifying others, not abuſed.

XVI.

He by Chriſt's Reſurrection doth explain,
After what manner we ſhall riſe again.
The poor muſt be relieved. He commends
Timotheus. And with Salutation ends.

The ſecond Epiſtle of Paul to the Corinthians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL gives them comfort in their tribulation.
Shows his ſincerity in converſation.
And tells them in what manner he deſign'd
To viſit them, and why he yet refrain'd.

II.

The reaſon why he came not he declares.
And th' excommunicated perſon ſpares.

III.

His Miniſtry needs not a Commendation.
The Law and Goſpel's different Miniſtration.

He

IV.

He ſhows his diligence and faithfulneſs.
And though afflicted, yet not comfortleſs.

V.

The ſtate of Glory and the Judgement day
Deſcrib'd. In Chriſt old things are done away.

VI.

Paul juſtifies his Miniſterial function.
And with Idolaters forbids conjunction.

VII.

To purity he gives them exhortation.
And in affliction ſhows his conſolation.

VIII.

He prompts them to contribute to the poor.
And recommendeth *Titus* and ſome more.

IX.

The cauſe of ſending him. To bounty he
Exhorts. And ſhews what the reward will be.

X.

The weapons of the ſpirit he prefers.
Condemning ſelf-conceited Miniſters.

XI.

Enforc'd he ſpeaks in his own commendation,
Comparing his with others Miniſtration.

He

XII.

He glories not in things to him reveal'd,
But that he was in weakneſſes upheld.
Blames their compelling him to boaſt, afraid
He ſhall have cauſe their follies to upbraid.

XIII.

He threatneth, not to ſpare the obſtinate.
Demonſtrates how to know a reprobate.
And then adviſeth to a Reformation.
Concluding with a general exhortation.

The Epiſtle of Paul to the Galatians.

CHAP. I.

AFTER *Pauls* greeting, he admires that they
Had from the Goſpel turn'd ſo ſoon away.
And ſtrives to give them ample demonſtration,
From man it came not, but by Revelation.

II.

Confirming his Apoſtleſhip, he ſaith,
Man is not juſtifi'd by works but faith.

Faith

III.

Faith muſt before the Law have preference.
The faithful ſhall have *Abraham's* recompence.

IV.

Till Chriſt the Law prevail'd. But us he freed.
W're not o'th' bond but the free womans ſeed.

V.

He bids them ſtand faſt in their libertie.
Keeping themſelves from Circumciſion free.
'Tis love fulfills the Law. He ſhows how far
Diff'rent the fruits o'th' fleſh and ſpirit are.

VI.

He bids them mildly treat him that offends.
Be liberal to their teachers. Recommends
Continuance in well doing. And ſo ends.

The Epiſtle of Paul to the Epheſians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL here Election and Adoption ſhows,
To be the Fountain whence Salvation flows.

II.

Grace quite expels what evil in nature lurks.
We are in Chriſt created to good works.

The

III.

The hidden Myſtery, and its diſpenſation,
Whereby the Gentiles have obtain'd Salvation.

IV

He counſels them to keep the unity,
And from corrupt communication free.

V.

Diſſwading from uncleanneſs he doth ſhow,
What Wives and Husbands to each other owe.

VI.

Children's and Servant's duties he declares.
And what's the Armour that a Chriſtian wears,

The Epiſtle of Paul to the Philipians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL giveth thanks, and prays love may *increaſe*.
And to aſſiſt them ſhows his readineſs.

II.

He woes to union and humiliation.
And to the working out their own ſalvation.

III.

Falſe teachers he adviſeth them to ſhun
And not in carnal Chriſtians ways to run.

IV.

After ſome Exhortations he commends
Their care for them, and ſo with praiſes ends.

The Epiſtle of Paul to t Coloſſians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL thanks *God* for their *Faith*, in plures inſt
Of *Grace*. Exalteth *Chriſt* the *Prince* of P

II.

Exhorts in faithfulneſs to perſevere.
And not to vain Philoſophy adhere.
Adoring Angels and Jewiſh Rites forbear.

III.

He ſhows where, and what things are to be ſou
That fleſhly Luſts be in ſubjection brought.
The old Man be put off and Chriſt put on,
And ſeveral other precepts are laid down.

IV.

To prayer, and with diſcretion to comport
Themſelves to thoſe without, doth he exhort,
His own and others ſalutation ſends,
And with a caution to *Archippus* ends.

The Firſt Epiſtle of Paul to the Theſſalonians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL to the Theſſalonians does declare,
That he was mindful of them in his prayer,
And well aſſured that they were ſincere.

II.

He ſhows how unto them the Goſpel came.
And in what manner they receiv'd the ſame.

III.

His ſending *Timothy* gives conſolation,
And of a viſit raiſes expectation.

IV.

H' exhorts to the improvement of Gods Grace,
To holineſs, to Love, to ſtudy Peace.
Againſt immoderate mourning makes objection.
Deſcribing unto them the Reſurrection.

V.

How the day of the Lord ſhall come he ſhows,
And doth with precepts his Epiſtle cloſe.

The ſecond Epiſtle of Paul to the Theſſalonians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL boaſting of their *Faith*, *Love*, *Reſolution*,
Encourageth to ſuffer Perſecution.

II.

Exhorting them not from the Truth to ſtart,
He ſhows that ſome ſhall from the Truth depart.
Diſcovering how the falſe Chriſt ſhall appear,
And therefore for them putteth up his prayer.

III.

He craves their prayers. And doth Teſtify
Againſt all idleneſs and ill Company.

The Firſt Epiſtle of Paul to Timothy

CHAP. I.

PAUL of his Charge puts *Timothy* in mind,
The Law is not for righteous Men eſign'd.
He thanks God for his call to th' Miniſtry.
And then repeats his charge to *Timothy*.

Wh

II.

Why we ſhould pray for all men he aſſigns,
And Duties of the Female ſex defines.

III.

Of Biſhops Deacons, and their wives, and why
He wrote concerning them to *Timothy*.

IV.

Foretelling from the Faith a great defection,
He willeth them to follow his direction.

V.

The manner of reproving he directs.
Widdows and Elders muſt have due reſpects.

VI.

How ſervants ſhould behave themſelves he ſhows,
Condemns falſe teachers who the Truth oppoſe.
That riches do with many ſnares abound.
That Rich Men ſhould in all good works be found.

The ſecond Epiſtle of Paul to Timothy.

CHAP. I.

PAUL'S Love to *Timothy*. His Approbation
Of his unfeigned Faith. His Exhortation.

II.

He willeth *Timothy* to perſevere.
And well approved unto God appear.

III.

That perilous times ſhall come he ſignifies,
And who they are that are Truths enemies.
His own example doth to him propoſe,
And the great benefit o'th' Scriptures ſhows.

IV.

Paul gives a charge to *Timothy*, expects
His coming, and what he muſt bring directs.

The Epiſtle of Paul to Titus.

CHAP. I.

WHY he at Crete left *Titus* to reſide,
How Miniſters ought to be qualified,
And the falſe teachers *Paul* doth here deſcribe.—

II.

Directions given to *Titus*, with Relation
Both to his Doctrine and his Converſation.
How ſervants ſhould conform in all repects.
Of Univerſal Grace and its effects.

III.

In Doctrine *Titus* further is directed.
And when and how his coming is expected;

The Epiſtle of Paul to Philemon.

CHAP. I.

PAUL to *Philemon* ſends his Salutation,
His Love and *Faith* gives *Paul* much conſolation.
He begs him to receive *Oneſimus* again,
And him in friendly ſort to entertain.

The Epiſtle to the Hebrews.

CHAP. I.

GOD in theſe later times his ſon hath ſent.
Who than the Angels is more excellent.

II.

Of due obedience we returns ſhould make
To Chriſt, who on him did our nature take.

III.

As Chriſt excelleth Moſes, ſo much more,
Is unbelief-condemn'd now, than before.

IV.

They that believe ſhall enter into Reſt,
God's word is full of Power. By our High-Prieſt
The ſon of God, like us in every caſe
But ſin, may we approach the Throne of Grace.

V.

The *Power* and Honour of *Chriſt's Prieſthood* ſhe
And they reprov'd to whom it is unknown.

VI.

Paul bids them not decline but perſevere.
For God is in his promiſes ſincere.

VII.

Chriſt's *Prieſthood* like unto *Melcheſidec's*,
Excells th' Levitical in all reſpects.

VIII.

By Chriſt, is *Aaron's* Prieſthood quite made v
And the old Cov'nant by the new deſtroy'd.

IX.

The legal Rites and bloody Offerings,
Are to the blood of Chriſt but trivial things.

X.

The weakneſs of the legal offerings ſhown.
Chriſt's Sacrifice forever doth atone.
H' exhorts to faithfulneſs and conſtancy,
And to expect Chriſt's coming patiently.

XI.

What *Faith* is, without which none pleaſe the I
The fruits thereof which are upon Record.

XII.

To ſtedfaſtneſs he gives his Exhortation.
The new excells the former diſpenſation.

XIII.

Love Chaſtity and a contented mind,
With due regard to teachers are enjoyn'd.
That by ſtrange Doctrines there be no deluſion,
And to confeſs to Chriſt, is the concluſion.

The General Epiſtle of James.

CHAP. I.

TH' Apoſtle after general Salutation,
Exhorts to patience under tribulation,
And not to waver in their Supplication.
To hear Gods word, and thereunto reſign,
And then doth true Religion well define.

II.

The Rich and poor alike muſt be regarded.
Faith without works is dead and unrewarded.

III.

Raſh Cenſuring reprov'd. Th' unbridled Tongue,
A member whence have divers evils ſprung.
The Truly wiſe declare it by their life,
Being mild and peaceable and void of ſtrife.

IV.

All avarice. Adult'ry, Pride, Detraction,
Are here condem'd, with every ſelf-wild action.

V.

Againſt the Richmen he doth woes declare.
Exhorts to Patience and forbids to ſwear,
And ſhows how pevalent is fervent prayer.

The Firſt Epiſtle general of Peter.

CHAP. I.

HE bleſſeth God for's Graces manifold.
Shows that in *Chriſt* Salvation was foretold.
Exhorting to a Godly Converſation,
For that *Chriſt*'s *precious* blood hath *wrought* ſalvation.

II.

Diſſwading from the breach of Charity,
He ſhows Chriſt the foundation ſtone is laid.
Beſeeching alſo fleſhly luſt's to flee,
And that obedience be to Rulers paid.
He ſhows that ſervants ſhould yield due ſubjection,
Taking Chriſt's ſuff'rings to be their direction.

III.

Duties of wives and husbands are enjoyn'd.
Exhorting all men to be well enclin'd.
And ſuffer patiently the cauſe being good.
He ſhows how Chriſt avail'd before the flood.

IV.

To ceaſe from ſin he gives his Exhortation,
By Chriſt's example, and conſideration
Of the approaching Diſſolution.
And gives them comfort againſt Perſecution.

V.

To feed their flock the Elders he directs,
And that the young men give them due reſpects.
That all be ſober watching againſt evil,
And with a ſtedfaſt Faith reſiſt the Devil.

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The ſecond Epiſtle general of Peter.

CHAP. I.

PETER exhorts in hopes of Grace prevailing,
By *faith* and good *works* to *make* ſure their *calling*.
And the more earneſtly his time being ſhort,
Declaring what he knew of Chriſt, not bare report.

II.

That there ſhall be falſe teachers he foreſhows,
Againſt whoſe practice he denounceth woes.

III.

Chriſt coming's ſure, the manner how declared,
And warning given that all ſhould be prepared.

The Epiſtle general of John.

CHAP. I.

TRUE *Chriſtian* fellowſhip conſiſts in walking,
In paths of Righteouſneſs, and not in talking.

II.

Chriſt for our ſins is the propitiation,
To know God is a perfect Reſignation
To his Commands: He warneth againſt thoſe,
That would ſeduce. And where's their ſafety ſhows.

III.

By our Adoption God's great Love is ſhown.
The Righteous by their works from ſinners known.
To brotherly love he giveth exhortation,
And that it be without diſſimulation.

IV

Not to believe all ſpirits he gives warning,
And ſhows us how to have a true diſcerning.
And arguing from the freeneſs of Gods love,
Does mutal Love to be a duty prove.

V.

Who loves God, loves his ſons, and has rega
To his commands, which he accounts not hard.
He that believes in Jeſus Chriſt the Lord,
Hath in himſelf that which bears true Record.

The ſecond Epiſtle of John.

CHAP. I.

A Certain Lady *John* exhorts to Love,
And by no means falſe Teachers to appr

The Third Epiſtle of John.

CHAP. I.

THE Piety of *Gaius John* commends,
But *Diotrephes* ſharply reprehends.

The general Epiſtle of Jude.

CHAP. I.

EXHORTING to be conſtant, *Jude* declare
Againſt ſeducers crept in unawares,
Of ſcandelous lives and ſported Converſation,
*Whom he de*livers unto condemnation.

The Revelation of St. John.

CHAP. I.

TO the ſeven Aſian Churches *John* does write.
Shewing the manner how Chriſt will appear.
Deſcribes the Glory, Majeſty and Might
Of him that gave him theſe things to declare.

II.

To *Epheſus*, to *Smyrna*, *Pergamos*
And *Thiatira* meſſages are ſent.
Whereby the benefit as well as loſs.
Of theſe four Churches is made evident.

III.

The Church of *Sardis* ſomewhat reprehended.
But that of *Philadelphia* much commended.
That of *Laodicea* much to blame.
Chriſt ſtands and knocks that he may entrance gain.

IV.

John ſees a Throne in Heaven elevated.
And round it four and twenty Elders ſeated.
WhoHumbly caſting down their Crowns before him
That ſat thereon, do fall down and adore him.

V.

The *Book* ſeal'd up with *ſeven* Seals, which none
Had power to open but the Lamb alone.
For which his Praiſe is founded round theThrone.

VI.

The opening of ſix of the Seals is ſhown.
And the events that follow thereupon.

VII.

An Angel doth Gods holy Servants ſeal.
Twelve Thouſand of each Tribe of Iſrael.

And a vaſt Multitude beſide them ſtood;
Whoſe Robes were waſhed in the Lambs pure Blood.

VIII.

The Prayers of the Saints aſcend to Heaven.
To ſeven Angels are ſeven Trumpets given.
As the firſt four each one his Trumpet blows,
The Earth and Sea are fill'd with Plagues and Woes.

IX.

As the fifth Angel doth his trumpet ſound.
Out of the bott'mleſs pit come Locuſts forth.
As the ſixth ſounds, four Angels are unbound
To execute Gods Judgments on the Earth.

X.

A mighty Angel with a Book appears
Open, and by him that lives for ever, ſwears,
That time had now its utmoſt term compleated.
A Voice bids *John* to take the Book and Eat it.

XI.

Two witneſſes whoſe power ſhuts up from Rain
The Beaſt encounters, and by him are ſlain,
They lye unburied, and ariſe again
In three days and an half. The ſeventh Trump *ſounding*
Declares the power of God on Earth abounding.

XII.

A travailing woman with the ſun beams veil'd,
A Dragon waits to prey upon her Child.
Deliver'd, ſhe flies to the Wilderneſs.
Michael with force the Dragon doth ſuppreſs.
At whom inrag'd, and hindred to come at her,
Out of his Mouth he caſts a flood of Water.

Out

XIII

Out of the Sea there comes a monſtrous Beaſt,
Whom with his power the Dragon doth inveſt.
Another Beaſt out of the Earth appears.
The Image of the former Beaſt uprears,
Commanding to Adore him, and Submit
To take his Mark, or be for Trade unfit.

XIV.

The Lamb ſtands on Mount Sion with his Train,
An Angel doth the Goſpel Day Proclaim.
The fall of Babylon. They that adore
The Beaſt receive a dreadfull Doom therefore.
The Angel with a ſickle reaps the Earth.
The Vintage and the Winepreſs of God's wrath.

XV.

Seven Angels with the ſeven laſt *Plagues* to whom,
After a Song of victory is Sung,
Are given ſeven Vials of God's wrath to pour.

XVI.

Seven vials are pour'd forth being all prepared
With dreadfull Plagues, and their effects declared.

XVII.

A woman in a gorgeous veſture dreſt,
Holding a golden cup, ſits on the beaſt,
The Mother of each vile Abomination.
Seven heads and ten horns, their interpretation.
The conqueſt of the Lamb. Her deſolation.

XVIII.

The fall of Babylon. God doth require
His people all out of her to retire.
Kings, Merchants, Mariners her fall lament,
Whileſt Saints rejoyce at her juſt puniſhment.

To

XIX.

The Saints in Heaven th'Almighty's power ador
For executing Judgment on the whore.
The Marriage of the Lamb gives cauſe of Joy.
The King of Kings doth all his foes deſtroy.

XX.

Satan's bound for a time. They happy are
Who in the firſt Reſurrection have a ſhare.
Satan is loos'd again. Doom'd to deſtruction.
The viſion of the general Reſurrection.

XXI.

The new *Jeruſalem* from God above
Deſcending and abounding with Gods love:
Its Walls and Gates and every Ornament,
Exceeding Glorious and Magnificent.

XXII.

The holy City *John* Deſcribes yet more,
And is forbidden the Angel to adore.
Chriſt Jeſus againſt thoſe denounceth woe,
That ſhall take from this Book or add thereto.

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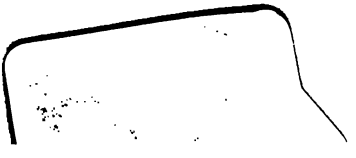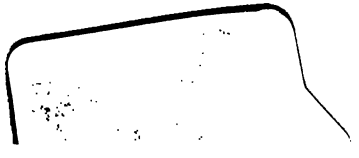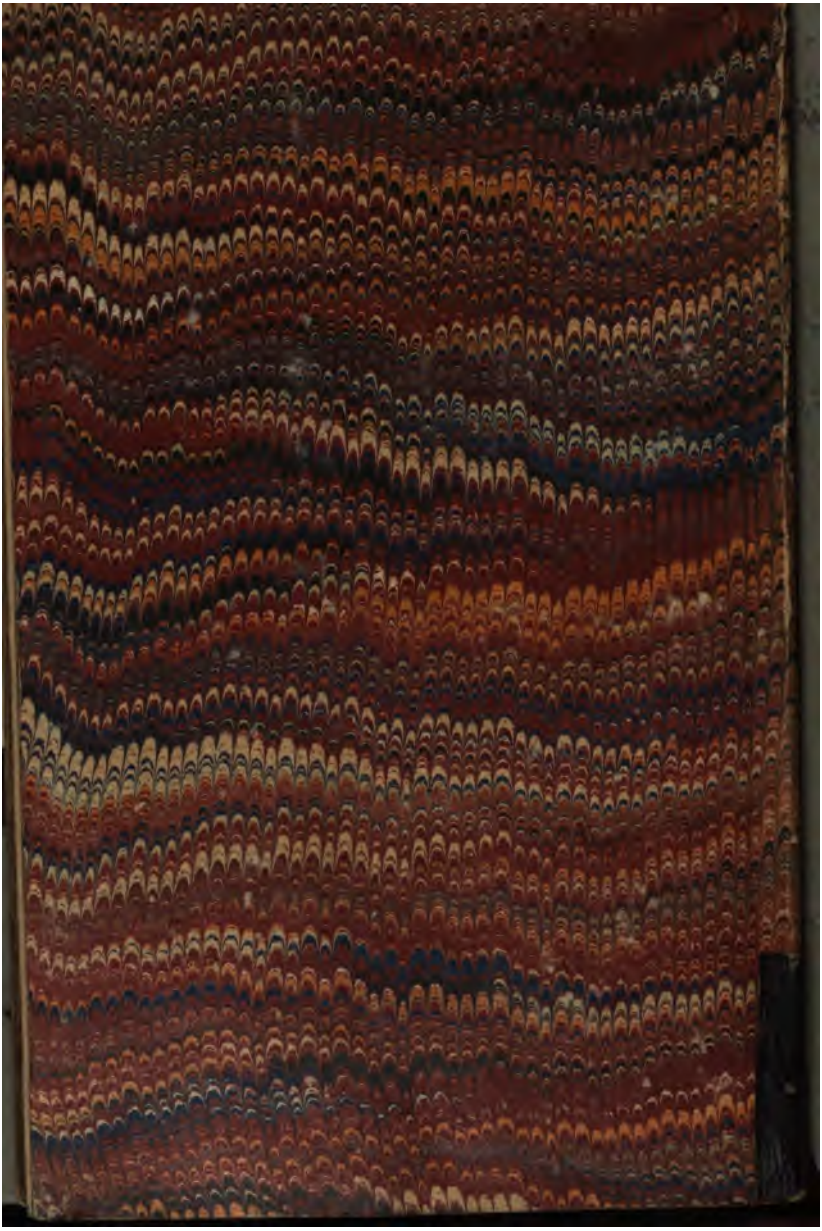
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